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--1.[/] (amended) A vehicle alternator [(2)] comprising a case [(4)], a stator winding [(14)], and an electrically-insulating element [(18)] interposed between the case [(4)] and the winding [(14)], the insulating element [(18)] being a solid body mounted on one of the case and the winding, [the alternator being characterized in that] wherein the insulating element [(18)] has at least one duct [(26)] extending through an orifice [(32)] in the case [(6)].--

- --2_[/] (amended) An alternator according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the duct [(26)] extends from a front face of the insulating element [(18)].--
- --3.[/] (amended) Ar alternator according to claim 1 [or 2], [characterized in that] wherein the duct [(26)] extends so as to project from an inner side face [(24)] of the insulating element [(18)] towards an axis [(5)] of the stator.--
- --4.[/] (amended) An alternator according to <u>claim 1</u>,

 25 [any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that] <u>wherein</u> the duct [(26)] receives a live wire twisted lead [(16)] of the winding [(14)].--
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- --5_[/] (amended) An alternator according to <u>claim 3</u>, [any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that] <u>wherein</u> the

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insulating element [(18)] is interposed between the case and the winding radially relative to an axis [(5)] of the stator.

- --6.[/] (amended) An alternator according to <u>claim 1</u>, [any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that] <u>wherein</u> the insulating element [(18)] is interposed between the case and the winding axially relative to an axis [(5)] of the stator.--
 - --7.[/] (amended) An alternator according to claim 1, [any one of claims 1 to 6 characterized in that] wherein the insulating element [(18)] extends in register with an inner side face of the winding [(14)].--
 - --8.[/] (amended) An alternator according to <u>claim 1</u> [any one of claims 1 to 7 characterized in that] <u>wherein</u> the insulating element [(18)] has [an] <u>a first</u> indexing portion [(28), in particular a stud,] enabling the angular position of the stator around an axis [(5)] of the stator to be identified.--
- 25 --9.[/] (amended) An alternator according to claim 8,

 [characterized in that] wherein the first indexing portion

 includes a stud and wherein the case [(4)] has a second

 indexing portion [(30), in particular] having a groove[,]

 suitable for co-operating with the indexing portion [(28)] of

 the insulating element [(18)].--

Add new claims 13 through 17 as follows:

--13. An alternator according t of claim 3, wherein the insulating element is interposed between the case and the winding axially relative to an axis of the stator .--

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An alternator according to claim 5, wherein the insulating element is interposed between the case and the winding axially relative to an axis of the stator .--

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An alternator /according to claim 3, wherein the insulating element extends in register with an inner side face of the winding .--

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An altermator according to claim 5, wherein the insulating element *extends in register with an inner side face of the winding .--

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